

# Council Highlights

## Highlights of the Actions of the California Medical Association Council Meetings, March 14 to 19, Los Angeles

*This summary is published so that CMA membership may be advised in brief of the action of the Association's Council. It covers only major actions and is not intended as a detailed report. Full minutes of these meetings are available upon any member's request to the CMA office.*

### 551st Meeting, March 14 to 19, 1969, Los Angeles

An **ad hoc committee** to study abortion laws in California was approved. The committee will make an in-depth study of a resolution discussed by the CMA House of Delegates at its meeting. The resolution urges CMA to recommend to the Legislature that it abolish all statutes and criminal laws dealing with abortion.

**Expansion of duties of the Medical Staff Survey Committee** was approved. The committee will make surveys of extended care facilities in general and public-owned hospitals.

A **study on the future relationship of the hospital pharmacist and other paramedical personnel in relation to the physician** was approved. It will be made by the CMA Scientific Board and the CMA Commission on Allied Health Professions.

A **definition of "Nursing Home Care"** was approved. It reads as follows:

"Patients whose medical conditions should properly be cared for in nursing homes are those with illnesses or disabilities which require continuing observation by qualified nursing personnel and periodic evaluation by physicians.

"Such illnesses or disabilities usually would be long-term in nature. They would be relatively stable in course and would require limited diagnostic procedures and application of treatment methods not ordinarily found in a patient's residence. Although restorative measures might be of benefit to patients receiving nursing home care, rehabilitation would not be the prime consideration of the general medical and nursing care plan carried out in nursing homes since it is more properly the function of other facilities."

**Support of efforts to return Medi-Cal consultants to the county—and stop a shift of consultants from county to state direction—was approved.**

**Creation of a Task Force on Allied Health Professions** was approved. The task force study will include the following: (1) executive order on reorganization of the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards; (2) proposal from the Board of Medical Examiners to establish an Allied Health Board. The task force will report to the Council no later than October.

A **proposed regulation** by the Department of Health Care Services to require physician participation by agreement—in order that a doctor be a provider—in Medi-Cal was opposed.

An **amendment to the Medical Practice Act** was approved. The amendment allows students to receive stipends for work done on a preceptorship basis.

The **CMA Industry-Medical Committee** was authorized to proceed with negotiations with the interim goals of a limited raise in Workmen's Compensation fees, and the ultimate goal of "usual and customary."

### 552nd Meeting, March 19, 1969, Los Angeles

The Council elected its officers, made its administrative appointments, reviewed and made committee appointments, and passed bank resolutions.

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